

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 25, 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT.

The attached telegram on the war crimes situation is self-explanatory, and I am sending it in to you for your information. I still think it would be wise to have the final negotiations in Washington since our Government has been taking the lead in the matter, but it seems that they prefer London.

Justice Jackson is now in London and would be able to do this job there before he returns next week, if the other governments work fast enough.

Judge: *Samuel I. Rosenman*
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Why not let the Justice do it there and be done with it?
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By *AMT-116*, NARS Date *10-17-73*

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Justice Robert H. Jackson
c/o American Embassy
London, England

The following telegram has been received from Hackworth in San Francisco by the Acting Secretary in Washington:

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I suggested to the President that you might be able to complete these negotiations in London and he thinks it would be fine if you could.

Samuel I. Rosenman



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No paraphrase necessary.
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SAN FRANCISCO
Dated May 24, 1945.
Rec'd 4:31 p.m.

TO: THE ACTING SECRETARY, WASHINGTON, D. C.
FROM: HACKWORTH, UNCIO, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

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[I suggest that in anticipation of an inquiry from London you might desire to bring these developments to the attention of Judge Rosenman.

[Copies of my memoranda of May 14 to Malkin and May 21 to Malkin, Golunsky and Basdevant, are being sent to the Department by air mail for its records. They will not be needed in connection with any proposal by the British, as indicated above.]

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